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This project began in April of 1994, when Atari Classics appeared to be sinking (but has since been reborn). I had just begun to follow the UseNet comp.sys.atari.8bit newsgroup, where I found the Vendors and Developers list. The idea of the Omnibus was born. I wrote to everyone listed. My offer was simple: Free ads to everyone who still supported the 8-bit Atari. And, slowly but surely, ads began to arrive.

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And now you're holding the result of that work in your hands. Seeing the final product brings me a great deal of satisfaction. I hope you enjoy the Atari 8-bit Omnibus and find it a useful resource. Most of all, I hope you keep on having fun with the best 8-bit computer ever made.

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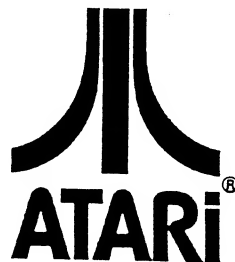
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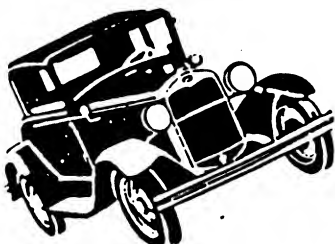


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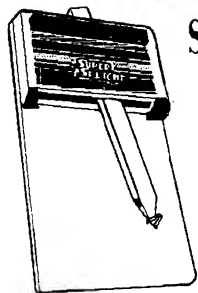
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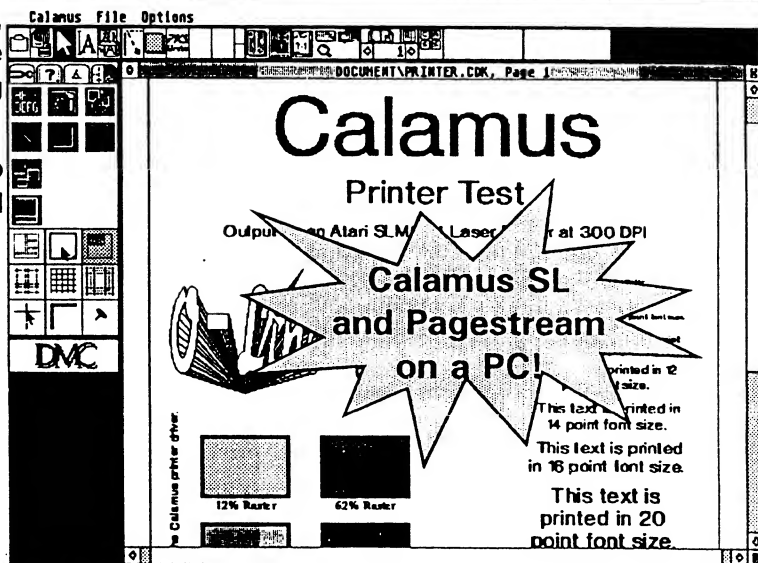
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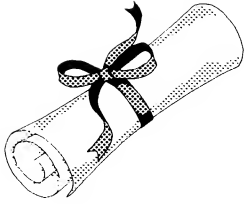
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Something to note: I contacted all three services online for joining information. Delphi responded within 24 hours, sending me a 12 000 byte letter explaining all that Delphi has to offer. GENIE forwarded my Email to their PR department, who never got back to me. CompuServe wrote back telling me that I require their approval before letting anyone know how to join. None of this should be construed as an endorsement or criticism of any of the services outlined.

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